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On February 22, 2016, a meeting was held at the Narragansett Indian Tribe Longhouse regarding the Mill Cove sewer project in Warwick, Rhode Island. At this meeting, John Brown, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, committed to having his office review and comment on a draft Memorandum of Agreement for the project. John Brown also relayed the Tribe's preference that the two human burials are to be preserved in place on Tidewater Drive, and recommended that while process of developing the Memorandum of Agreement continues, a letter of intent be signed by all parties to move forward with the project.

This letter hereby establishes the intent of the signatories to work collaboratively together with the understanding that:

- (1) The parties acknowledge the importance of consultation with the Narragansett Indian Tribe in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws;
- (2) The parties understand that preservation in place is the preferred alternative by the Tribe in the event of discovery of human remains of tribal origin, in the case of the recent and future discoveries;
- (3) The parties understand that the project design will include directional drilling as the means for installing the facilities to the extent possible, and that avoidance of tribal cultural areas is the preferred alternative by drilling and installing sewer facilities at a depth below the likelihood of presence of tribal cultural properties;
- (4) To minimize the risk of disturbing tribal burial related cultural properties resources, the project in its entirety will pre-designed with proposed locations and boundaries of excavation areas (sewer manholes, jack and bore pits, service connections) followed by archaeological investigations accompanied by tribal cultural monitoring in each of these areas;
- (5) If tribal burial related cultural properties resources or features are discovered during the investigations, investigation at that location will halt, the locations will be altered repositioned until suitable alternative locations are found;
- (6) If no alternative solutions are found, then impact mitigation through tribal consultation will be pursued.

This letter of intent is hereby signed:

(Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office)

(Warwick Sewer Authority)

Michael Stover

(Environmental Protection Agency)

(RIHPHC)